

## McLean Student Research Grants (MSRG)

The McLean Student Research Grants, established by LSU Psychology Department Alumna Mrs. Shelia Marshall McLean, provide financial support for student research projects within the Department of Psychology at La Sierra University. A total of three grants are awarded annually, with application deadlines generally occurring in November and May for funding periods that begin in **January** and **June**. Grants will provide a \$500 stipend. In addition, applicants may request support for research-related costs and may include:

- Materials (photocopying, purchasing measurement tools, software, etc.)
- Payments or token gifts to participants
- Mailing costs

Applications should be made in a clear, 12-point font, single-spaced, with double-spacing between paragraphs. Other formatting and stylistic options are at the discretion of the applicant. Applications for the January funding period must be received at the Psychology Department office by **5pm on Thursday, 20 November 2003**, and should include the following:

- Introduction (brief synopsis of project; limit 1 page)
- Procedures (measurement tools, data collection, and analysis; limit 1 page)
- Budget (itemized listing of expenses; limit \_ page)
- Timeline (outline of project timeline; limit \_ page)
- References (limit 1 page)
- Signature of faculty member in the department of psychology who is supervising the project

If you have any questions regarding the MSRG, please call Dr. Martin, at 909.785.2454 or e-mail her at [Lmartin@lasierra.edu](mailto:Lmartin@lasierra.edu), or contact any other faculty member in the Psychology Department.

Students awarded funds will write a one-page report at the completion of the award period. Reports must be submitted within one month of the completion of the project.

## Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated according to the following:

1. Meaningfulness of research question – that is, the degree to which this research will contribute to the following:
  - a. the student's learning
  - b. the discipline
  - c. the research program of a LSU faculty member
1. Soundness of design – that is, whether the proposed procedures/analyses make sense
2. Reasonableness of timeline – that is, whether it is feasible to complete the proposed project in the timeframe described
3. Adequacy of budget projections – that is, whether the expenditures make sense, and whether adequate funds are proposed to ensure successful completion of the project as described.

## Review and Award of McLean Student Research Grant Proposals

It is expected that no more than two proposals will be funded in any one funding cycle (January and June).

Proposals will be reviewed following published criteria by the Psychology faculty during a faculty meeting. The faculty member supervising the project will refrain from voting.

Students will be informed of the outcome of their application before the beginning of the following academic quarter.

Winners will be announced in the first Psychology Colloquium following the award.

Winners for the academic year (both cycles) will be publicly recognized at a meeting such as the Psychology Banquet, Departmental Assembly, or the Senior Banquet.

Shelia McLean will receive an annual report including the name, title of project, and amount of award of winners and the total number of students who applied for grants.